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30 Apr. 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence*
General Counsel
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Administration
NFIB Working Group on Compartmentation
Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM

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Assistant for Information/DDA

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SUBJECT

:

Compliance with Executive Order 12065--Requests for
ISOO Waivers of Certain Classification Review Re-
quirements

REFERENCE

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C/ISAS/DDA Memorandum on same subject, dated 13 February
1979 (not sent to DCI/SECOM or to the NFIB/WGC)

1. Enclosure 1, herewith (FYI), is a copy of a letter to the DCI from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (DISOO). It transmits for DCI consideration a waiver request to the DISOO from the Secretary of the Army for establishment of thirty-year intervals for review of certain categories of documents, rather than the ten-year intervals required by Executive Order 12065 (Section 3-401). The referenced memorandum tentatively identified categories of information for which CIA should request similar waivers, and solicited comments thereon as well as suggestions for any additional categories considered appropriate.

2. Enclosure 2, herewith, is a proposed DCI reply to the DISOO requesting waivers of the E.O. 12065 review interval requirement for six categories (A through F) of information, which are listed and described. Explanations of the need for each category are also provided.

3. All the categories in one way or another concern the protection of intelligence sources and methods, for which the Director of Central Intelligence is responsible. It is therefore considered desirable that they apply not only to CIA material but also to the sources-and-methods information of other Intelligence Community members. Uniformity in the classification review procedures applied to such information by all Community agencies will thereby be facilitated.

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4. These categories should satisfy the Agency's own as well as other Community members' immediate needs for intelligence-related waivers of the E.O. 12065 review interval requirement. The categories are so worded as to cover the types of information cited in the Secretary of the Army's request, as well as the suggestions made by several Agency components in response to the referenced memorandum.

5. Addressees' coordination of the proposed DCI reply (Enclosure 2) is requested by COB on 3 May 1979. Any requests for revisions should be received by that date, so that an appropriate and timely response to the DISOO's letter of 11 April (Enclosure 1) may be provided. Prompt DISOO approval of these waivers is needed so that declassification guidelines may be published in the Federal Register by 31 May 1979, as noted in the referenced memorandum.

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Enclosures:

1. Letter to the DCI from DISOO
2. Proposed DCI reply to the DISOO
3. Reference Memo



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Services
Administration Washington, DC 20405

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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

79-1290

Dear Mr. Director:

Executive Order 12065 provides for automatic declassification of classified information after twenty years from the date of its origin, except that information specifically identified by the head of an agency listed in Section 1-2 of the Order and by officials designated by the President. When these officials extend classification beyond twenty years, they must set a date no more than ten years later for declassification or review for declassification. Subsequent reviews must be at no more than ten year intervals. The Order provides that the Director, Information Security Oversight Office may extend the period between reviews for specific categories of documents or information.

We have received from the Secretary of the Army a request for an extension from the prescribed ten to a period of thirty years between reviews for certain information which he has determined requires security protection beyond twenty years. The specific categories are listed in his letter of request (enclosed).

Little, if any, information warrants classification beyond the first ten year extension. However, because the Director of Central Intelligence has statutory responsibility and authority for protection of information relating to intelligence sources and methods, we solicit your opinion as to whether the extension requested is warranted. If you do consider it warranted, we request your views as to the appropriate time interval for subsequent reviews, maximum duration of classification, and, most important, what categories of information should be included.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. BLOUIN
Director
Information Security
Oversight Office

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE 1



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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12 FEB 1979

Mr. Michael T. Blouin
Director, Information Security
Oversight Office
General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Blouin:

In accordance with paragraph 1-302 of Executive Order 12065, I have determined that continued security protection of certain categories of documents is essential in the interest of national security. These documents contain true names, code names, titles, or other identifying data pertaining to sources; documents revealing the true names of organizations that provided intelligence cover; communications intelligence and cryptographic security documents; and documents containing information on an escape and evasion technique.

Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 3-401, Executive Order 12065, I am requesting an extension of 30 years between subsequent reviews for declassification of the above categories of documents issued by the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.

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DRAFT

Mr. Michael T. Blouin
Director, Information Security Oversight Office
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Director:

This is in response to your thoughtful communication of 11 April 1979 concerning extension of the intervals between reviews for declassification of information in certain categories. We are in basic agreement that little information warrants classification beyond the first ten-year extension following initial review, when one considers the entire mass of classified information existing throughout the Government.

Nevertheless, that fraction of the mass which does warrant such extension is heavily concentrated in the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and of other Intelligence Community member agencies and departments. My statutory responsibility and authority for protection of information relating to intelligence sources and methods has already been frequently exercised in the certification of classification extensions, under Executive Order 12065 as well as its predecessor (E.O. 11652).

The categories listed by the Secretary of the Army in his 12 February 1979 letter to you are valid, as far as they go. The needs of the Intelligence Community as a whole would be better served by a more complete and detailed categorization, however. Attachment 1 hereto lists and describes six categories of information which concern intelligence sources and methods and are deemed to merit waivers of the Order's ten-year review interval requirement. As requested in your 11 April letter, appropriate time intervals for further reviews of the information to be included are also specified. The types of information cited in the Secretary of the Army's letter are covered under one or another of the categories, along with other information also affecting Community members.

Rationales for these waiver categories are discussed in Attachment 2 hereto (classified Confidential). For the reasons cited therein, it is impossible at this time to predetermine any maximum duration of classification for the information covered.

In accordance with Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1, use of these categories will be strictly limited to information that:

-- has been systematically reviewed for declassification at least once;

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-- is determined through such review to require extension of classification, based on an identifiable need therefor, during a period in excess of twenty additional years;

-- cannot be assigned a definitive date or event for declassification; and

-- is certified accordingly by an agency head authorized to do so under the Order.

Your early approval of the review-interval waiver categories specified in Attachment 1 and explained in Attachment 2 is requested, so that they may be incorporated in declassification guidelines. The Order requires such guidelines to be issued on or before 31 May 1979.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachments:

1 and 2, as indicated

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Administration
General Counsel

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1
Chief, Information Systems Analysis Staff

SUBJECT : Compliance with Executive Order 12065--Requests for
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Requirements ("")

REFERENCES : A. [REDACTED] 25X1
B. Letter from the Archivist of the United States
dated 19 December 1978, attached (w/enclosure)
C. Letter from the DCI dated 1 December 1978, attached 25X1
D. [REDACTED]
E. DCI Memorandum dated 21 December 1978, attached
(w/o enclosure)

1. As addressees are aware, E.O. 12065 (effective 1 December 1978) provides that classified information under Agency jurisdiction must be systematically reviewed for declassification as it becomes 20 years old. "Foreign government information" (see paragraph 3f below) is exempt from the 20-year review requirements, but must be reviewed as it becomes 30 years old. The Order also requires issuance by 31 May 1979 of Agency guidelines for conducting such reviews. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. These guidelines, to be published in the Federal Register as mandated by the Order, must enable the U.S. Archivist to identify information requiring review by CIA and must also provide guidance for the Agency's own classification review process. The Order requires the guidelines to "state specific, limited categories of information which, because of their unusual security sensitivity, should not be declassified automatically but should be reviewed item-by-item to determine whether continued protection beyond twenty years is needed." The guidelines must also state that the information in each category will either be automatically declassified within 10 years after such review or will

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be reviewed again within another 10 years--unless this 10-year re-review requirement is waived by the Information Security Oversight Office (IS00). See also Reference A (paragraphs 15d and 15e), Reference B (paragraph B1), and, as regards the mission and functions of the IS00, Reference D (paragraphs a, b, and c). ☐

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3. Preparation of the required guidelines is the responsibility of the Classification Review Group (CRG), ISAS/DDA (see Reference A, paragraphs 14 and 15), in coordination with addressees. The CRG has tentatively identified the following general categories of information for which IS00 waivers of the 10-year re-review requirement would be desirable:

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[Note: Per Reference C, the DCI has already apprised the Archivist of the need to continue classification protection of information in this category beyond twenty years and has indicated that it is planned to seek IS00 waiver of the 10-year re-review requirement for such information. A waiver specifying re-review 30 years following the initial review seems appropriate for this category.] ☐

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[Note: Information within this general CI category, will, of course, vary considerably as to the length of time during which it will remain sensitive and thus require continued classification protection. To the extent that this sensitivity-duration can be gauged for various specific types of CI material, several kinds of IS00 waivers could appropriately be requested; e.g., the types of information assessed as requiring the longest period of protection could be placed under a waiver specifying

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